

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 2, 2021

News Release

South Texas Veterans Health Care System 7400 Merton Minter Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78229

Contact: Nenette C. Madla (210) 617-5274 – Office (210) 978-2002 – Cell STXMedia@va.gov

San Antonio VA Begins Vaccinating all Veterans, Caregivers, and Spouses

(San Antonio, TX) – The South Texas Veterans Health Care System is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans, caregivers, spouses and CHAMPVA beneficiaries under the SAVE LIVES Act.

"However, in accordance with the new law, it is important to note that we will continue to prioritize vaccinations and healthcare delivery for Veterans already enrolled in VA care, "said Medical Center Director, Christopher Sandles. In the meantime, Veterans, caregivers, spouses, and CHAMPVA beneficiaries newly eligible under the law can go to https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine to indicate their interest in receiving a vaccine from VA. Signing up will also give users regular updates about VA's vaccine rollout process.

As supply permits, South Texas Veterans Health Care System will begin accepting Veterans currently not enrolled, caregivers, spouses and CHAMPVA beneficiaries beginning Saturday, April 10, 2021. Walk-ins are strongly discouraged. You may also sign up to get vaccinated through your employer, pharmacy, or local public health office. VA encourages you to take the first opportunity you have to get a COVID-19 vaccine at the most convenient location for you. For more information, visit https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/ or follow www.SanAntonioVAMC Facebook page.

For your continued health and safety during the pandemic, please refrain from visiting the South Texas Veterans Health Care system for a COVID-19 vaccine without an appointment. Those eligible will be contacted by South Texas Veterans Health Care System by text message, email, phone or you may visit www.southtexas.va.gov about upcoming vaccination events, scheduling, and other opportunities when information is available.